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33. (Amended Once) A composition comprising a plurality of peptides, wherein each of said plularity of peptides comprises an amino acid sequence provided by Formula II (SEQ ID NO: 39):

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34. (Amended Once) A composition according to claim 33, wherein said composition consists of 2 to about 10 different peptides having said amino sequence provided by Formula II (SEQ ID NO: 39).

35. (Amended Twice) A composition according to claim 33, further comprising at least one peptide selected from the group consisting of:

- TTHTVGGSVARQVHSLTGLFSPGPQQK (SEQ ID NO: 6) G31
- OTHTTGGOAGHOAHSLTGLFSPGAKQN (SEQ ID NO: 19) F78
- R9 QTTVVGGSQSHTVRGLTSLFSPGASQN (SEQ ID NO: 10)
- **D6** QTTTTGGQVSHATHGLTGLFSLGPQQK (SEQ ID NO: 3)
- M122 QTTTTGGSASHAVSSLTGLFSPGSKQN (SEQ ID NO: 23); and
- OTHTTGGVVGHATSGLTSLFSPGPSQK (SEQ ID NO: 20). HI

36. (Amended Once) A composition according to claim 35, wherein said composition comprises peptides of SEO ID NOs: 10, 19, 20, and 3 ("MIX1").

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37. (Amended Once) A composition according to claim 35, wherein said composition comprises peptides of SEQ ID NOs: 23 and 6 ("MIX2").

- 38. (Amended Once) A composition according to claim 35, wherein said composition comprises peptides of SEQ ID NOs: 6, 19, 10, 3, 23 and 20 ("MIX3").
- 40. (Amended Once) A composition according to claim 33 wherein each of said plurality of peptides consists of said sequence and a hepatitis C virus E2/NS1 protein with the peptide in the HVR1 position.
- 43. (Amended Once) A composition according to claim 33 wherein said composition further comprises a pharmaceutically acceptable excipient.
- 44. (Amended Once) A composition according to claim 43 wherein said composition further comprises an adjuvant.
- 45. (Amended Once) A peptide comprising an amino sequence provided by Formula II (SEQ ID NO: 39):

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46. (Amended Twice) A peptide comprising an amino sequence provided by Formula I (SEQ ID NO: 1):



QTHVTGGSAAR TTSGLTSLFSPGASQN T TTV VQGHAAHS VG RL PK K R QVS QVRR R S SQ

QVKK K S

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97. (New) The composition of claim 33, wherein each of said peptides consists of said amino acid sequence.

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98. (New) The peptide of claim 45, wherein said peptide consists of said amino acid sequence.

99. (New) The peptide of claim 46, wherein said peptide consists of said amino acid sequence.